

105TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1231

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## AN ACT

To authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the United States Fire Administration, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “United States Fire  
5       Administration Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1998  
6       and 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 Section 17(g)(1) of the Federal Fire Prevention and  
3 Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2216(g)(1)) is amended—

4 (1) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-  
5 graph (E);

6 (2) by striking the period at the end of sub-  
7 paragraph (F) and inserting a semicolon; and

8 (3) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(G) \$29,664,000 for the fiscal year ending  
10 September 30, 1998; and

11 “(H) \$30,554,000 for the fiscal year ending  
12 September 30, 1999.”.

13 **SEC. 3. SUCCESSOR FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS.**

14 The Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974  
15 (15 U.S.C. 2201 et seq.) is amended—

16 (1) in section 29(a)(1), by inserting “or any  
17 successor standard to that standard” after “Associa-  
18 tion Standard 74”;

19 (2) in section 29(a)(2), by inserting “, or any  
20 successor standard to that standard” before “,  
21 whichever is appropriate,”;

22 (3) in section 29(b)(2), by inserting “, or any  
23 successor standard to that standard” after “Associa-  
24 tion Standard 13 or 13–R”;

1           (4) in section 31(c)(2)(B)(i), by inserting “or  
2           any successor standard to that standard” after “Life  
3           Safety Code)”;

4           (5) in section 31(c)(2)(B)(ii), by inserting “or  
5           any successor standard to that standard” after “As-  
6           sociation Standard 101”.

7   **SEC. 4. TERMINATION OR PRIVATIZATION OF FUNCTIONS.**

8           (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days before the  
9           termination or transfer to a private sector person or entity  
10          of any significant function of the United States Fire Ad-  
11          ministration, as described in subsection (b), the Adminis-  
12          trator of the United States Fire Administration shall  
13          transmit to Congress a report providing notice of that ter-  
14          mination or transfer.

15          (b) COVERED TERMINATIONS AND TRANSFERS.—  
16          For purposes of subsection (a), a termination or transfer  
17          to a person or entity described in that subsection shall  
18          be considered to be a termination or transfer of a signifi-  
19          cant function of the United States Fire Administration if  
20          the termination or transfer—

21                 (1) relates to a function of the Administration  
22                 that requires the expenditure of more than 5 percent  
23                 of the total amount of funds made available by ap-  
24                 propriations to the Administration; or

1           (2) involves the termination of more than 5 per-  
2           cent of the employees of the Administration.

3 **SEC. 5. NOTICE.**

4           (a) MAJOR REORGANIZATION DEFINED.—With re-  
5           spect to the United States Fire Administration, the term  
6           “major reorganization” means any reorganization of the  
7           Administration that involves the reassignment of more  
8           than 25 percent of the employees of the Administration.

9           (b) NOTICE OF REPROGRAMMING.—If any funds ap-  
10          propriated pursuant to the amendments made by this Act  
11          are subject to a reprogramming action that requires notice  
12          to be provided to the Committees on Appropriations of the  
13          Senate and the House of Representatives, notice of that  
14          action shall concurrently be provided to the Committee on  
15          Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and  
16          the Committee on Science of the House of Representa-  
17          tives.

18          (c) NOTICE OF REORGANIZATION.—Not later than  
19          15 days before any major reorganization of any program,  
20          project, or activity of the United States Fire Administra-  
21          tion, the Administrator of the United States Fire Adminis-  
22          tration shall provide notice to the Committees on Science  
23          and Appropriations of the House of Representatives and  
24          the Committees on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-  
25          tation and Appropriations of the Senate.

1 **SEC. 6. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE YEAR 2000 PROBLEM.**

2 With the year 2000 rapidly approaching, it is the  
3 sense of Congress that the Administrator of the United  
4 States Fire Administration should—

5 (1) give high priority to correcting all 2-digit  
6 date-related problems in the computer systems of  
7 the United States Fire Administration to ensure  
8 that those systems continue to operate effectively in  
9 the year 2000 and in subsequent years;

10 (2) as soon as practicable after the date of en-  
11 actment of this Act, assess the extent of the risk to  
12 the operations of the United States Fire Administra-  
13 tion posed by the problems referred to in paragraph  
14 (1), and plan and budget for achieving compliance  
15 for all of the mission-critical systems of the system  
16 by the year 2000; and

17 (3) develop contingency plans for those systems  
18 that the United States Fire Administration is unable  
19 to correct by the year 2000.

20 **SEC. 7. ENHANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS**  
21 **PROGRAMS.**

22 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-  
24 trator” means the Administrator of the United  
25 States Fire Administration.

1           (2) EDUCATIONALLY USEFUL FEDERAL EQUIP-  
2           MENT.—The term “educationally useful Federal  
3           equipment” means computers and related peripheral  
4           tools and research equipment that is appropriate for  
5           use in schools.

6           (3) SCHOOL.—The term “school” means a pub-  
7           lic or private educational institution that serves any  
8           of the grades of kindergarten through grade 12.

9           (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—

10           (1) IN GENERAL.—It is the sense of Congress  
11           that the Administrator should, to the greatest extent  
12           practicable and in a manner consistent with applica-  
13           ble Federal law (including Executive Order No.  
14           12999), donate educationally useful Federal equip-  
15           ment to schools in order to enhance the science and  
16           mathematics programs of those schools.

17           (2) REPORTS.—

18           (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year  
19           after the date of enactment of this Act, and an-  
20           nually thereafter, the Administrator shall pre-  
21           pare and submit to the President a report that  
22           meets the requirements of this paragraph. The  
23           President shall submit that report to Congress  
24           at the same time as the President submits a

1 budget request to Congress under section  
2 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code.

3 (B) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—The report  
4 prepared by the Administrator under this para-  
5 graph shall describe any donations of education-  
6 ally useful Federal equipment to schools made  
7 during the period covered by the report.

8 **SEC. 8. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
10 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the  
11 United States Fire Administration (referred to in this sec-  
12 tion as the “Administrator”) shall prepare and submit to  
13 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
14 of the Senate and the Committee on Science of the House  
15 of Representatives a report that meets the requirements  
16 of this section.

17 (b) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—The report under this  
18 section shall—

19 (1) examine the risks to firefighters in sup-  
20 pressing fires caused by burning tires;

21 (2) address any risks that are uniquely attrib-  
22 utable to fires described in paragraph (1), including  
23 any risks relating to—

24 (A) exposure to toxic substances (as that  
25 term is defined by the Administrator);

- 1 (B) personal protection;  
2 (C) the duration of those fires; and  
3 (D) site hazards associated with those  
4 fires;  
5 (3) identify any special training that may be  
6 necessary for firefighters to suppress those fires; and  
7 (4) assess how the training referred to in para-  
8 graph (3) may be provided by the United States  
9 Fire Administration.

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Attest:

*Secretary.*



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